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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF A UPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO ISSUE A UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (UPDES) PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER QUALITY ACT, SECTION 19-5-104 AND 107, UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED. SAID "PERMIT" REFERS TO UPDES PERMIT AND THE STATEMENT OF BASIS (INCLUDING THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL'S)) IF APPLICABLE, AS PER SECTION 303 (d) OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA).

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Southwest Groundwater Treatment Plant

MAILING ADDRESS 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, UT 84088

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (801) 565-4300

FACILITY LOCATION: 8215 South 1300 West, West Jordan, UT 84088

UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0025836 OUTFALLS: UT0025836

RECEIVING WATERS: Gilbert Bay of the Great Salt Lake and the Jordan River

BACKGROUND

The Southwest Groundwater Project will remediate groundwater contaminated from historic mining activities in southwest Salt Lake County. This project will improve groundwater quality and prevent further contaminant migration in the Salt Lake Valley. The project will extract groundwater with elevated total dissolved solids (salts) via a series of deep aquifer wells and purify the extracted water utilizing a Reverse Osmosis (RO) treatment process. The project will also extract groundwater from shallow wells with elevated total dissolved solids that have not been impacted by mining activities. The Southwest Groundwater project is owned and operated by the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD) The drinking quality water generated will be distributed by JVWCD to its member agencies for supply to their drinking water systems. RO byproduct water (i.e. concentrate), containing the extracted salts from the treated water, will be routed via a 21 mile pipeline to Gilbert Bay of the Great Salt Lake. Excess feed water from pressure relief valves of the shallow aquifer treatment trains of the RO plant will be discharged to the Jordan River.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on February 1, 2011. Written public comments can be submitted to: Kim Shelley, UPDES Engineering Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: kshelley@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Water Quality Board may execute the permit issuance, revise it, or abandon it.

The permit is available for public review under "Public Notices" at www.waterquality.utah.gov/. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Kim Shelley at 801-536-4385.